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1. Between 17 August and 11 September 1953, the Von-der-Busche Kaserne in Leisnig was occupied by about 20 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. All soldiers were trained personnel. Since recently, the soldiers were permitted to leave the installation during their off-duty hours. Officers were allegedly permitted to wear civilian clothes.

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2. Between 17 August and 11 September, the Friedrich August Kaserne was occupied as previously by about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia.

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3. Between 15 August and 12 September, the Von-der-Busche and the Friedrich-August Kaserne were occupied only by rear details. Soviet troops stationed at the Leisnig post were permitted to visit German motion picture theaters and attend dances. Inn keepers were permitted to sell alcoholic beverages.

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Comment. The information indicates that the units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed there were still at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds in mid-September. Similar observations were made at the Borna, Ellenburg and Leipzig posts.

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